

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 11, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Chau, Dewees, Devine, O’Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

7PM PRESENTATION: ASSEMBLYMAN CHRIS BROWN, 2nd LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

- In support of Resolution 58-2014 that would require the Legislature to comply with the Open Public Records Act

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2014; February 20, 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

- 54-2014 Release of Escrow Monies from the Planning Board
- 55-2014 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities
- 56-2014 A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Non Union Employees of the City of Northfield for 2014
- 57-2014 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – June 2019 – Amendment to Resolution 52-2014
- 58-2014 Resolution Calling Upon the New Jersey Legislature to Promote Equality and True Transparency in Government by Amending Provisions of the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A.47-1 et seq. so as to Remove the Exemptions that Apply to Members of the New Jersey Legislature
- 59-2014 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities

ORDINANCE

- 2-2014 Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
*Introduction, No Public Input, Published in the Press of AC 3/15/2014
2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Final Adoption 3/25/2014*

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$408,613.68

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

MEETING NOTICES

City Council	March 25 th	6:00pm Work Session Regular Session Immediately Following
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ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 54-2014**

RELEASE OF ESCROW MONIES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Northfield has recommended to the Governing Body to return remaining escrow monies to the following applicants:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT(s)</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>PAYABLE/MAIL TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
168	9&10	206 Oxford Circle	Bradford P. & Lauren Cooks 2610 Shore Road Northfield, NJ 08225	\$ 171.50
88	32	16 Forrest Drive	Raechell Blumenthal 16 Forrest Drive Northfield, NJ 08225	\$ 103.00
70	11&12	306 W. Oakcrest Avenue	Margaret P. Dougherty 306 W. Oakcrest Avenue Northfield, NJ 08225	\$ 115.50

Robin Atlas, Planning Board Secretary

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 11th day of March, 2014.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 55-2014**

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Mainland United Soccer Association (MUSA) Tom Sher has properly submitted an Application for Use of Facilities requesting use of the Football Field at Birch Grove Park on the following dates and times:

Monday	March 17 th	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	March 24 th	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	March 31 st	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	April 7 th	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	April 14 th	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	April 21 st	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Monday	April 28 th	6:00pm – 7:30pm

WHEREAS, the President of the Family Association of Northfield has advised that said use of the field is available on the requested dates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Northfield hereby approves the Application for Use of Facilities presented by Mr. Tom Sher subject to the full execution of the Use of Facilities Agreement, and compliance with its terms and conditions, and the representations made in the subject Applications for Use of Facilities.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 11th day of March, 2014.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 56-2014**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR NON-UNION
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD FOR 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield, that the following non-union positions be compensated at an annual salary as stated below:

Assistant to Finance Office	\$ 41,976.06
Assistant Chief – Volunteer	\$ 1,459.81
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	\$ 3,500.00
Captain – Volunteer	\$ 1,128.59
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 18,727.20
City Clerk	\$ 52,428.88
Construction Official	\$ 5,000.00
Council	8,633.00
Council President	\$ 9,392.00
Deputy Chief - Volunteer	\$ 1,889.16
Deputy Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	0.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$ 32,640.00
Electrical Sub-Code Inspector	38.00 HR
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 2,500.00
Fire Chief - Volunteer	\$ 2,812.66
Fire Official	\$ 8,072.26
Fire Safety Director	\$ 476.10
Fire Sub-Code Inspector	25.00 HR
Grounds Keeper/Utility	11.50 HR
Housing/Zoning Officer	\$ 40,398.73
Lt - Volunteer	\$ 478.43
Mayor	\$ 10,524.00
Municipal Judge	\$ 25,000.00
Part Time Laborer/Birch Grove Park (1)	10.40 HR
Part Time Laborer/Birch Grove Park (2)	10.40 HR
Part Time Payroll/Bookkeeper	19.89 HR
PB/ZB Secretary	\$ 8,000.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Inspector	34.00 HR
Personnel Coordinator	\$4,000.00
Police Matron	15.25 HR
Seasonal Maintenance (1)/Parks	10.40 HR
Special Police	15.25 HR

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**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 57-2014**

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL
GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014 – JUNE 2019 FORM IB – AMENDMENT TO
RESOLUTION 52-2014**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey wishes to amend Resolution 52-2014 in its entirety as follows; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Atlantic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The City Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Northfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2014 in the amounts of:

DEDR	<u>\$ 13,771.00</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$ 3,443.00</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$ 10,328.00</u>

2. The City Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Gerard McGee, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Northfield City Council on this 11th day of March, 2014.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 58-2014**

**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO
PROMOTE EQUALITY AND TRUE TRANSPARENCY IN
GOVERNMENT BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC
RECORDS ACT, N.J.S.A. 47-1 ET SEQ SO AS TO REMOVE THE
EXEMPTIONS THAT APPLY TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY
LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, in 2001 the New Jersey Legislature enacted Public Law 2001, c.404 known as the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) which gives the citizenry of the State of New Jersey access to governmental records except for specifically delineated exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this legislation was to create greater transparency by governmental officials and employees in all areas of government within the State of New Jersey whether state, county or municipal; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the requirements under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) can be at times burdensome for governmental entities, particularly at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the added burdens and expense thrust upon governmental entities, in order to comply with OPRA are outweighed by the overarching goals of openness and transparency in government; and

WHEREAS, this same level of openness and transparency does not apply to both branches of the New Jersey Legislature (Assembly and Senate) as they have seen fit to exempt themselves from the provisions of OPRA which apply to all other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, a critical analysis of the purpose and intent of OPRA does not permit any reasonable explanation as to why the Legislative branch of the government should be excluded from the reach of the Act since their governmental functions are no more important than the functions performed by the State's Executive branch and by local government entities; and

WHEREAS, the exceptions which the Legislature created for itself weaken transparency and create inequality, for which there is no rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the original purpose and intent of OPRA would be strengthened and equality among governmental entities would be enhanced if the New Jersey Legislature was subjected to the same burdens and responsibilities under OPRA which bind all other governmental entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders joins the call of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and other representative agencies of the local government and calls upon the New Jersey Legislature to amend the provisions of OPRA to remove the exemptions currently granted to members of the Legislature and to require all members of the New Jersey Legislature to be bound by the same standards of transparency that apply to all other governmental entities in the State of New Jersey.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Northfield City Council on this 11th day of March, 2014.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 59-2014**

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES

WHEREAS, in July 2013, Northfield City Council did approve Resolution No. 139-2013, authorizing the use of the Babe Ruth Baseball Field by Mr. Joe Bunting in anticipation of his sponsoring a team in the Atlantic County Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014 Mr. Blair Rosenfeld submitted an application for use of the Babe Ruth Baseball Field for the same dates previously approved by Council in 2013 for Mr. Joe Bunting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Bunting and Mr. Blair Rosenfeld have each agreed to share the scheduling of the field so that Mr. Blair Rosenfeld's request may also be approved; and

WHEREAS, said use of the Babe Ruth Baseball Field is anticipated to be Wednesday evenings between the hours of 6:00pm and 10:30pm, from May to September; and

WHEREAS, the President of Babe Ruth Baseball has advised that the Babe Ruth Baseball Field is available on the requested dates, however any games played by or scheduled by Babe Ruth Baseball will take precedence if a scheduling conflict occurs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Northfield hereby approves the Application for Use of Facilities presented by Mr. Blair Rosenfeld for the available dates stated above, subject to the full execution of the Use of Facilities Agreement, and compliance with its terms and conditions, the terms and conditions of the current Use of Facilities Guidelines and the representations made in the subject Application for Use of Facilities.

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